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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06720.0066

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Yao-Hong TSAI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2623
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Serial No.: 09/842,048) Examiner: Larose, Colin M.
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Filed: April 26, 2001)
) Confirmation No.: 6515
For: METHODS AND SYSTEM FOR)
ILLUMINANT-COMPENSATION)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

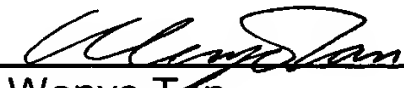
In a restriction requirement mailed January 18, 2005, the period for response to which extends through April 18, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-20, 22, 24-26, 28, 29, 34, 35, and 37-40 (Group I) and claims 41-43 (Group II). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-20, 22, 24-26, 28, 29, 34, 35, and 37-40, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to illumination compensation/normalization of a face image.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 23, 2005

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